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IN IMPROMPTU PRESS CONFERENCE HELD JUST AFTER HIS MEETING WITH
LAO UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOUBANH DEC 12,
PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
(TRANSCRIPT BY USIS).

QTE QUESTION. ON WHAT SUBJECTS OR MATTERS DID LAO SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAO SOUBANH TALK WITH YOU WHEN
HE SPOKE WITH YOU JUST NOW?

QTE KRIANGSAK. OUR CONVERSATION WAS WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO
PROMOTE CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN AD-
DITION, THERE ARE THREE TO FOUR SUBJECTS OF IMPORTANCE TN
WHICH WE LACK DETAILS, AND THEY WILL BE DISCUSSED WIDELY IN
TALKS AT OFFICIAL LEVEL.

QTE QUESTION. WILL FURTHER TALKS BE HELD AT A HIGHER LEVEL?

QTE KRIANGSAK. THE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED ARE ON
PREVIOUSMATTERS, SUCH AS ON OVERFLIGHT AND REGULAR OPERATION
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OF COMMERCIAL PLANES; TRANSIT OF GOODS; BARTER TRADE OR EX-
CHANGE OF GOODS; EXCHANGE OF TOURISTS, ETC. A SUBJECT OF
MAJOR IMPORTANCE IS FOR SPECIAL CARE TO BE EXERCISED BY
BOTH COUNTRIES FOR NO MISUNDERSTANDING TO ARISE ALONG OUR
COMMON BORDER, THUS PREVENTING CLASHES OR ANY UNEXPECTED
INCIDENTS FROM OCCURRING FOR NO RHYME OR REASON. ALL THESE
SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED WIDELY AT THIS STAGE.

QTE QUESTION. WILL NEWS REPORTS PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS BE DISCUSSED ALSO?

QTE KRIANGSAK. LAOS IS BEING REQUESTED TO EXERCISE CARE, AS WE ARE ALREADY DOING IN REGARD TO REPORTS PUBLISHED BY NEWSPAPERS AND BROADCAST BY RADIO STATIONS. THE SUBJECTS I HAVE ALREADY INFORMED YOU OF, ESPECIALLY BARTER TRADE AND PROMOTION OF GOODWILL BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, ARE THE MAJOR SUBJECT WE ARE DISCUSSING.

QTE QUESTION. WHEN WILL LAOS SEND AN AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND?

QTE KRIANGSAK. LAOS HAS ALREADY SELECTED ITS AMBASSADOR, AND HE WILL BE SENT TO THAILAND SOON. WE ARE IN NO HURRY BECAUSE WE FULLY REALIZE DIFFICULTIES IN THE SITUATION IN LAOS. I HAVE SENT MY BEST REGARDS TO LAO PRIME MINISTER THAO KAYSONE PHOMVIHAN. HE IS NOT IN VIENTIANE AT PRESENT BECAUSE HE HAS GONE ON OFFICIAL TOURS OF INSPECTION OF THE PROVINCES DURING THE DRY SEASON. I, TOO, WILL MAKE TOURS OF INSPECTION OF THE PROVINCES, SUCH AS OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY DROUGHT. I HEAR THAT DROUGHT IS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM FACED IN THE SOUTH....

QTE QUESTION. DID YOU DISCUSS THE LAO REFUGEE PROBLEM?

QTE KRIANGSAK. THAT WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED IN FULL DETAIL LATER. WE ARE TAKING SPECIAL CARE TO PREVENT REFUGEES FROM CROSSING THE BORDER INTO THAILAND. WE WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, AS WE HAVE EMPHASIZED IN OUR STATEMENT OF POLICY. WE ARE A PEACE-LOVING NATION; THEREFORE, WE WANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BE FRIENDS WILL ALL COUNTRIES, REGARDLESS OF ANY DIFFERENCE IN POLITICAL IDEOLOGY.

QTE QUESTION. HAVE YOU INVITED LAO PRIME MINISTER THAO KAYSONE PHOMVIHAN TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THAILAND?

QTE KRIANGSAK. NO. I ONLY SENT HIM MY BEST REGARDS.

END QTE.

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